



September 13, 2026

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Sir 27:30—28:7 | Rom 14:7-9 | Mt 18:21-35

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

It strikes me that the real issue in the Gospel is that the first man whose debt the king forgives fails to see that his fellow servant who owes him a smaller debt is just like himself. “Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins?” Sirach asks. I think we sometimes languish in unforgiveness because we think of others’ wrongful actions as being somehow worse than ours. As a result, we hold others to a higher standard, while expecting people to easily excuse our failings. Perhaps the first step toward the radical forgiveness that Jesus calls us to in today’s Gospel is to foster compassion for our fellow human beings. When we are wronged, it may be helpful to remind ourselves of the classic phrase, “There but for the grace of God, go I.” When we recognize that those who wrong us have the same struggles as our own, we are more likely to extend the same mercy we wish to be offered to us.

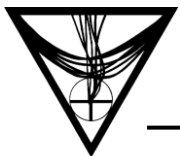
GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

After the attempted assassination of Pope John Paul II by Mehmet Ali Ağca in 1981, the future saint forgave his would-be assassin from his hospital bed, only four days after the shooting that nearly took his life. Later, the pope went to visit Ağca in prison, and the two spoke for more than 20 minutes. Since that time, John Paul’s example has stood as a witness to the power of God at work in us; the strength to forgive, it is clear, comes not from ourselves, but from the Lord. Our willingness to receive God’s grace and to extend forgiveness to others offers a powerful witness to the goodness of God, who is “kind and merciful, slow to anger and rich in compassion.”

PRAY

Radical forgiveness is a challenging spiritual practice; it is not easy! To forgive as Christ calls us to requires that we cultivate an interior disposition of humility and compassion. This ancient prayer from St. Ephrem can help to open our hearts to overcome anger or judgment toward those who have wronged us: *Lord and Master of my life, spare me from the spirit of indifference, despair, lust for power, and idle chatter. Instead, bestow on me, your servant, the spirit of integrity, humility, patience and love. Yes, O Lord and King, let me see my own sins, and not judge my brothers and sisters for you are blessed for ever and ever. Amen.*



OUR MISSION

‘Inspired by the Holy Spirit we are a Eucharistic community called by God
To share the love of Jesus Christ and create a welcoming parish of renewal and mission.’

MONTH of *Our Lady of Sorrows*

Sunday Sept 13	Monday Sept 14	Tuesday Sept 15	Wednesday Sept 16	Thursday Sept 17	Friday Sept 18	Saturday Sept 19
Backpack Blessing 10a Mass 12:30p Mass 1:30p-4pm Adoration 7p Mass	9:30a CWL Quilters 7p Millions of Monicas	8:30a Mass	8:30a Mass 7p Adoration	8:30a Mass 6p Children’s Choir Practice	8:30a Mass 9a-12p Adoration	9a-4p Horizons of Hope 11a-12p Confession 5p Mass Anointing of the Sick 6p Youth Group

LIVE-STREAM MASS EVERY SUNDAY AT 10 AM MASS [FACEBOOK.COM/HOLYSPIRITSASK](https://www.facebook.com/holyspiritsask)

Millions of Monica’s
Monday, September 14 **7PM**

Anointing of the Sick
Saturday, September 19
After 5PM Mass

High School Youth Group
Grades 8-12
Saturday, September 19 **6PM**

Holy Spirit Refugee Committee
is hosting a



October 3 after the 5 pm Mass. Please join us in the hall to share food, coffee, stories and music.

Everyone is invited to bring a dish to share! (Food can be kept hot or cold during Mass)

A sign-up sheet will be available after all Masses beginning September 12

Horizons of Hope:

A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care

When confronted with a life-limiting diagnosis, we can find ourselves in an unfamiliar and even frightening situation. These moments are usually marked by having to make numerous practical decisions surrounding care and support for loved ones and ourselves. More often than not, such decisions require moral discernment through the lens of our faith. We believe in the dignity and sacredness of human life at all stages, from conception to natural death. At the same time, our faith does not demand that life is to be sustained at all costs. As Catholics, our faith in Jesus Christ has much to teach us about living and dying well.

Come on

Saturday September 19th, 9:30am-4pm

at Holy Spirit Church.

Contact Kelly Wormsbecker

kwormsbecker@rcdos.ca or call the parish office at 306-374-1425 to register.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided

For the care of water. Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it. SEPTEMBER 2026

Musical Adoration
Wednesday, Sept 16 7-8PM

Come pray in the Presence of Jesus while music is played and sung to help focus our hearts.
The sacrament of Reconciliation will be available

2026 Annual Millennium Cross Pilgrimage
September 23 3PM

Young Adults Group
Sunday, Sept 27 5-6:45pm

Saskatoon Challenge Girls Club
Is for girls in Grades 3-12 who want to grow in their Catholic faith. If you are interested or have questions, contact Shannon at skchallengegirls@gmail.com

Time Out for Moms
The Little Domestic Church
on the Prairie
Cathedral of the Holy Family
Tuesdays 9:15-11:15AM
Oct 6-Nov 24
Register www.tofm.ca

WATCH FR. JOSEPH'S
Sunday Reflection
Subscribe to @Fr.JosephSalihu on YouTube

- LET US PRAY**
- **For the sick and all those who care for them, today we pray for:** Vera Wolkosky, Frederick Vizeacoumar, Vijaykumar Soupramania Modaliar, Evangeline Manzon, Adel Gorges, Orlene Eremondi Larocque, Mary Cody, Camilla Wren, Elizabeth Lesko, Alice Plewes, Delores Hinz, Martin Julien
 - **For all those who have died, today we remember:** Kimberley Cody
 - **And on the anniversary of death:** Basilio Gargar, Anecita Gargar, Priscillo Tubera, Federico Teofisto, Clara Burato

The Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Seven Sorrows of Mary is a traditional Catholic devotion featuring meditations on sorrowful episodes in the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Join us in prayer as we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows.

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

MASS TIMES

Saturday 5 pm
Sunday 10 am, 12:30pm, 7 pm
Weekdays Tues. - Fri. 8:30 am

ADORATION

Wednesdays 7-8pm
Fridays, 9 am - 12 pm
Sundays, 1:30 - 4 pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 11 am - 12 noon
or by appointment.



Diocesan Bulletin

Sept. 13, 2026 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 In all things we are *rooted in Christ*,
in His desire to bring God's love to all peoples.

Upcoming Events

Millennium Cross Pilgrimage: Join in prayer, reflection and community **3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13** at the 100-foot cross, 10 kms northeast of Aberdeen on Hwy 41. See the website <https://millenniumcross.ca> for updates.

Apostolate of the Precious Blood meets Tuesdays in September from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Saint Anne Parish, 217 Lenore Drive, Saskatoon to pray the rosary, the Litany and Chaplet of The Precious Blood. All are welcome.

A Season of Creation series will be held 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. **Sept. 14, Sept. 21, Sept. 28, and Oct. 5** in the welcome area at St. Philip Neri Parish, 1902 Munroe Ave, Saskatoon. The series features a dialogue guide from the Jesuit Forum that brings to life *Laudato Si'*, the groundbreaking papal encyclical by Pope Francis about the Care of Creation. All are welcome to join in these evenings of reflection – attend any one or all sessions; there is no cost.

Corn Roast Fundraiser: Columbus Bosco Saskatoon's annual "Corn Roast Fundraiser" will be held **Thursday, Sept. 17** at the Farm School, in support of the Farm School and Family Learning Centres. Tickets are \$25; contact Ed at (306) 371-0506 or Chris at (306) 221-4686.

Awaken Adult Faith series explores the virtues: The diocesan Adult Faith office presents "Virtuous" 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. **Sept. 22, Sept. 29, Oct. 6, and Oct. 13** at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 2nd Floor, Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Rd., Saskatoon. Cost: \$40. Register at: <https://form.jotform.com/261528551203249> or for information, call Adult Faith Coordinator Astrid Alas at 306-659-5858. (*Adult faith is supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal*).

A Parish TRC Committee Gathering will be hosted by the diocesan Office of Justice and Peace on **Thursday, Sept. 24**, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon. To register go to <https://form.jotform.com/261958498019271> (no cost, includes supper). For more information contact Myron Rogal at (306) 659-5841 or mrogal@rcdos.ca. (*Justice and Peace is supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal*.)

Diocesan Prayer - We pray as a diocesan family for all those who are excluded or marginalized, and that we would recognize them and offer welcome and care.

ANew – Life After Divorce

Anew is a diocesan ministry supporting those who are separated or divorced. Based 100% on

Catholic teaching and doctrine, Anew helps participants regain hope and restore peace in their lives. Anew will be held at the

Catholic Pastoral Centre (2nd floor of Cathedral of Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon)

7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. every second Wednesday beginning **Sept. 30**. Cost: \$50.

To register, please go online to:

<https://form.jotform.com/262424300552244>

(Supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal.)

"Put Out Into Deep Water" (Luke 5:4) - A weekend retreat presented by Sr. Marta Piano and Sr. Sol Abala will be held from **5:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25 to 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 27**, at Living Waters Camp north of Saskatoon. Cost is \$285; includes accommodation/ meals. Registration: <https://forms.gle/PnA1z8erqjrHU3LJ7> or for info call the Verbum Dei Sisters at (306) 659-5843.

RCIA catechists are invited to a day of prayer, reflection, and practical conversation from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Saturday, Sept. 26** at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 2nd Floor, Cathedral of the Holy Family, Saskatoon. Register online at: <https://www.jotform.com/262007389063255>. For info, contact: Quin Kleiboer Rural Catechesis Coordinator at: qkleiboer@rcdos.ca. (*This free event is sponsored by the Bishop's Annual Appeal*.)

Our Lady of the Rosary Candlelight Procession and Mass will be held **Saturday, Oct. 3** at St. Paul Co-Cathedral, 720 22nd St. E, Saskatoon. Fr. Penna will celebrate Mass at 5:30 p.m., followed by an outdoor candlelight procession and fellowship in Bishop Mahoney Hall. All are invited. (Please bring your own candles.)

Saskatoon Challenge is a Catholic Youth Ministry program for girls in Grades 3-12 Friday nights from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Holy Spirit Parish, 114 Kingsmere Place, Saskatoon. The first youth leader meeting will be **Sept. 25** with the first full club meeting on **Oct. 2**. Find the link to registration at: <https://rcdos.ca/challenge-girls-club/> or contact: skchallengegirls@gmail.com.

Conquest Catholic Boys Club for boys in Grades 3-12 meets Fridays at St. Matthew School, 6:45 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. beginning on **Friday, Oct. 2**. Find registration or more information at: <https://conquestsaskatoon.com..>

Message Board

Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care is a workshop designed to help all – caregivers, the sick and dying, and family members – find support and concrete assistance. It will be presented **Saturday Sept. 19**, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Holy Spirit Parish, 114 Kingsmere Place, Saskatoon. Contact Kelly Wormsbecker kwormsbecker@rcdos.ca or call the parish office at (306) 374-1425 to register. Everyone is welcome to this event to learn more about palliative care.

A Call to Prayer for Peace: An ecumenical and interfaith service organized by Mennonite Church Saskatchewan will be held at 7 p.m. **Sunday, Sept. 20** at Wildwood Mennonite Church, 1502 Acadia Drive, Saskatoon, to remember those who are suffering and to pray for peace in places of conflict around the world.

"From Mourning to Dawn" for Bereaved Parents is an eight-week grief support program in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon for those who are grieving the death of a child at any age – from pregnancy through to adulthood. Next session begins **Sept. 24**, held 7 pm to 8:30 pm Thursdays at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 2nd Floor, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, weekly until Nov. 12. Register at <https://form.jotform.com/262424829790264> or contact Marilyn Jackson, Director of Pastoral Ministry: mjackson@rcdos.ca or 306-659-5836. (*Grief ministry is supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.*)

Newman Centre 100th Anniversary - St. Thomas More (STM) College grew out of a Newman Club formed by Catholic laity and students in 1926. Anniversary events at STM, 1437 College Drive, Saskatoon include an **Oct. 1 Newman Anniversary Lecture** 7 p.m. with Dr. Michael Higgins in the Fr. O'Donnell Auditorium; an **Oct. 3 Newman-STM Homecoming** starting at 4 p.m.; and an **Oct. 4 Mass, Brunch and Book Launch**. For more information or registration (seating is limited), please see: <https://stmcollege.ca/alumni/events.php>.

Rental accommodation available: Sts. Benedict & Scholastica House has rooms for rent for Catholic young adults in a house located in the university neighbourhood of Saskatoon (it is not necessary to join the full SBS program). For information, contact Sr. Marta Piano at mpiano@rcdos.ca or Sr. Sol Abala at mabala@rcdos.ca.

STM Corporation: St. Thomas More College at the University of Saskatchewan is seeking volunteers to fill vacancies on its Corporation. More info can be found at <https://stmcollege.ca>. Submit applications by **Sept. 23**.



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Indigenous Pastoral & Lay Leader (IPL) Ministry Education "Introduction to Reconciliation"

Sept. 15 to Nov. 10

ONLINE: Tuesday evenings 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

SEE: rcdos.ca/indigenous-ministry-education

Job Opportunity: The Diocese of Saskatoon is seeking an Executive Assistant to the Bishop / Curia Coordinator who will provide confidential executive and administrative support to the Bishop, working at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, responsible for managing schedules, meetings, events, communications, and administrative processes that support the effective functioning of the Bishop's Office and Curia. Requires professionalism, discretion, sound judgment, and strong organizational skills. See: <https://rcdos.ca/employment>. To apply, e-mail resumé to HR@rcdos.ca or for more information, call (306) 659-5835.

Casual Job Opportunity at the CWL Clothing Depot: A "Donation Sorter and Processing Worker" is required at the CWL Clothing Depot in Saskatoon. Hours of work are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; \$17 per hour. Drop off resumé at the CWL Clothing Depot, which is located on the lower level of The Friendship Inn building at 619-20th Street West, Saskatoon, S7M 0X8, Monday to Friday between 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. by ringing the bell at the back alley door, or between 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. at the front entrance on 20th Street West, Saskatoon.

CHAS call to serve: The Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan invites applications for its Board of Directors, seeking those with expertise in board governance, financial management, Catholic health care, ethics, or advocacy. To learn more or apply, see <https://chassk.ca> or contact peter@chassk.ca or (306) 955-2427. Deadline: **Sept. 23**.

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Bringing Home the Word

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Forgive and Forget?

Fr. Joseph Juknialis

Terry Anderson was an American reporter in Lebanon when he was abducted by terrorists in 1985. He was held captive by them until his release in 1991. After his release, he was asked if he forgave his captors. His response? "I'm a Christian and a Catholic, and it's really required of me that I forgive, no matter how hard that may be."

It's been said that forgiveness is the most difficult thing we have to do, simply because all too often we do not feel like forgiving. Nor is forgiveness about overlooking the injury as if to say, "Oh, that's OK. Don't worry about it." Forgiveness may not even mean being

able to be nice. Sometimes the pain may be too much.

Forgiveness as Jesus lived it is a choice one makes to care about the other. It is the gift of wanting what is best for the other even at times in the midst of our own pain. "Forgive and forget" is not always possible. At times, the pain not only lingers but also throbs as if the wound continues to ooze and weep. Then we cannot forget. Yet it is possible to make the choice to care.

What do we do if we cannot even bring ourselves to do that much? Perhaps then we can at least ask God to bring goodness into that person's life. And if that seems too difficult, then ask God to do what we cannot. That simple choice may very well be the seed that eventually sprouts into healing and peace in our own spirit. †



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A Word from Pope Leo XIV

In the Church there is...a place for everyone, and... every Christian is called to proclaim the gospel and bear witness in every environment.... Thus, this people shows its catholicity, welcoming the wealth and resources of different cultures and, at the same time, offering them the newness of the gospel to purify them and to raise them up.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME,
MARCH 11, 2026



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- Do I mean it when I pray, "as we forgive those who trespass against us."
- Who does it hurt when I fail to forgive?

Sunday Readings

Sirach 27:30—28:7

Remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook faults.

Romans 14:7–9

Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

Matthew 18:21–35

Jesus answered, "I say to you, [forgive] not seven times but seventy-seven times."



Advice to a Divided Community

Paige Byrne Shortal

Today's gospel passage, and last week's as well, might be entitled "Advice to a Divided Community." Imagine for a moment all the books, articles, radio talk

shows, and advice columnists who take up this topic: *How to Deal with Difficult People*; *Beyond Anger*; and my personal favorite, *Because Strangling Isn't an Option*.

Jesus says *forgive*. He says we are to forgive over and over again. He doesn't mention any exceptions. He says forgive no matter however badly you have been treated and whatever grievous loss you have suffered at the hands of another. Forgive because you are forgiven.

Even if we've made the first step—which is to want to forgive—complete forgiveness may take a while. We usually assume that Peter's question in today's gospel refers to how many times we must forgive different offenses. I wonder if

it isn't how many times we must forgive the same incident of being wronged. Just when you think you're done with the work of forgiveness, it comes back to haunt you, and you must forgive all over again. And again. Seventy-seven times.

As difficult as it can be, life is too short to live with an unforgiving heart. In fact, life may even be made shorter by failing to forgive. Study after study indicates that those who live with resentment are more likely to suffer a heart attack. We can literally "harden our hearts." What can we possibly gain by living this way?

From today's first reading: "Wrath and anger, these also are abominations, yet a sinner holds on to them. Forgive your neighbor the wrong done to you; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven" (Sirach 27:30, 28:2). †

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Wisdom from Catholic Update

From "Blessed Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen: A Media Apostle on the Road to Sainthood" by Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR

Sheen had a sharp understanding of the struggles of modern humanity: loneliness, pride, materialism, anxiety, and loss of purpose. He interpreted these through Catholic moral theology and never flinched from naming sin clearly, yet he always pointed toward mercy. He argued consistently that freedom without truth becomes chaos, and that true liberty is freedom directed toward the good. Some works are products of their era, but his best books remain spiritually fresh because they address perennial human questions: *Why am I unhappy? What is love? Why suffering? Who is Christ?* In the years since his death, Sheen's writings have continued to find new readers, and for good reason. The questions he addressed have not grown old. His voice remains what it always was: clear, hopeful, and worth following.

Note: The beatification Mass for Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen is scheduled for Thursday, September 24.

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Merciful God, give us generous hearts and open minds that we may forgive others as we have been forgiven. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

September 14–19

Monday, Exaltation of the Holy Cross:
Nm 21:4b–9 / Phil 2:6–11 / Jn 3:13–17

Tuesday, Our Lady of Sorrows: 1 Cor 12:12–14, 27–31a / Jn 19:25–27 or Lk 2:33–35

Wednesday, Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian:
1 Cor 12:31–13:13 / Lk 7:31–35

Thursday, Weekday: 1 Cor 15:1–11
/ Lk 7:36–50

Friday, Weekday: 1 Cor 15:12–20 / Lk 8:1–3

Saturday, Weekday: 1 Cor 15:35–37, 42–49
/ Lk 8:4–15



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Sunday, Sep 13, 2026

There are no limits on forgiveness

One of the hardest things to do is to forgive. While God's forgiveness and mercy is constant, you still have to accept it, and that means more than an inner spiritual acceptance: It involves active love of both the lovable and also the people who you don't like or don't like you, even your enemies. That kind of forgiveness needs a special kind of love that makes you willing to sacrifice. What goes around comes around. Show mercy, and God will be merciful to you. Your salvation depends on forgiving "not seven times but seventy-seven times"—that is, without limit.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sirach 27:30-28:7; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35 (130).
"Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins?"

Monday, Sep 14, 2026

Where the cross leads

In the critically acclaimed Mexican film *Pan's Labyrinth*, an unhappy girl's mother has married a handsome general who is, by all accounts, a monster. The girl's only hope seems to be in following the directions of an ugly creature, Pan, who will lead her through her labyrinthine fate. At one point Pan goads the young girl, "You still have tasks to complete." She laments, "But they've locked the door and I can't get out." The creature hands her a piece of chalk. "Draw your own door," he suggests. It is not clear where the door will lead, to life or death. For Christians, the only door we have is the cross. Yes, it leads to death, but also to eternal life.

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17 (638). *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."*

Tuesday, Sep 15, 2026

Pain beyond words

Unspeaking grief is the only way to describe what loving parents endure at the death of a son or daughter. It doesn't matter if the child lived 6 minutes or 60 years. Mary, the Mother of God, had to watch her son be tortured and executed. Our Lady of Sorrows is a title Mary earned by her spiritual martyrdom. Like all Christian martyrs, Mary remained faithful and found solace in the life of Christ despite her excruciating pain. Show compassion for the spiritual martyrs in your community, and be filled with Mary's grace as you contemplate her great sorrows.

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS
1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a;; John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35 (444/639). *"This child is destined ... to be a sign that will be contradicted and you yourself a sword will pierce."*

Wednesday, Sep 16, 2026

Keep an open-door policy

During the first half of the third century, when Cornelius and Cyprian lived, the church faced the difficult question of how to treat the large numbers of Christians who had abandoned their faith in times of persecution. Some bishops refused to allow them back, but Cornelius and Cyprian argued for their return. Cyprian wrote, "One cannot have God for a father who does not have the church for a mother." Hardship and danger visit us at unexpected times, and we react in ways that are hard to predict. At times, we may run away from a challenge, only to ask ourselves later, "Why wasn't I more courageous in that situation?" It's good to keep the

doors of the church wide open—any one of us might need that open door someday.

MEMORIAL OF CORNELIUS, POPE, AND CYPRIAN, BISHOP, MARTYRS

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13; Luke 7:31-35 (445). *"So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love."*

Thursday, Sep 17, 2026

Pardon me?

The woman who anointed Jesus' feet with precious oil first washed them with her tears. Why was she crying? Perhaps she saw clearly that her own sins caused her separation from God. The Pharisee who criticized Jesus for associating with the woman, on the other hand, was deluded into self-righteousness. Jesus is able to forgive the woman's sin because she first recognized her need for forgiveness; self-righteousness, though, is unforgivable because it suffers the delusion that it does not need to be forgiven. Saint Augustine explains: "How many there are who know that they have sinned against their brothers or sisters and yet are unwilling to say: 'Forgive me.' They were not ashamed to sin, but they are ashamed to ask pardon. They were not ashamed of their evil act, but they blush where humility is concerned." Don't let your pride get in the way of the joy of forgiveness.

1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 7:36-50 (446). *"Her many sins have been forgiven."*

Friday, Sep 18, 2026

Time to name names

When you consider how many people Jesus healed and talked with and ate with and traveled with during his short life, you realize the vast majority of them are anonymous. They are simply known as the "poor" or the "sick" or some other group. When we don't know a person's name it is easier to think of them as a category instead of a human person with a history and a future. Today is a good day to notice the people we regularly encounter whose names we do not know: the homeless person on the street corner, the server behind the counter at the coffee shop, the senior who sits in the first pew in church. Then maybe ask their names.

1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 8:1-3 (447). *"Jesus journeyed from one town and village to another, preaching and proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom of God."*

Saturday, Sep 19, 2026

The ears have it

Jesus sometimes said things in the gospels that are puzzling, or at least perplexing on the surface. For example, when he took the disciples aside to explain to them the parable of the sower, he told them, "Knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of God has been granted to you; but to the rest, they are made known through parables so that they may look but not see, and hear but not understand." Why didn't he want the others to understand? Wasn't that the whole point of his mission? Perhaps Jesus was letting us know of the challenges we will face as we try to spread the light of the gospel to others. Regardless, strive to be one whose ears hear all the Lord has to say.

1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49; Luke 8:4-15 (448). *"Whoever has ears to hear ought to hear."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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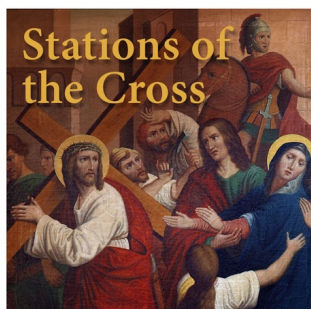
This Week on Formed

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The Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Seven Sorrows of Mary is a traditional Catholic devotion featuring meditations on sorrowful episodes in the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Join us in prayer as we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows.



Stations of the Cross by Saint Alphonsus Liguori

The Augustine Institute presents a beautiful meditation on the Stations of the Cross by Saint Alphonsus Liguori, narrated by Dr. Christopher Blum. This prayerful reflection is accompanied by the Schola Cantorum, chanting the traditional Catholic hymn Stabat Mater to aid your prayer.



Our Lady of Sorrows and the Power of Prayer

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